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UTAH JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEMBERS NAMED

Salt Lake City, Utah—Four judges have been elected to the Utah Judicial Council to serve a three-year term beginning Oct. 1, 2007: Court of Appeals Judge Gregory Orme, Third District Court Judge Judith Atherton, Fifth District Court Judge Michael Westfall, and West Valley City Justice Court Judge Brendan McCullagh. These judges have replaced Court of Appeals Judge James Davis, Third District Court Judge Robert Hilder, Fifth District Court Judge Rand Beacham, and Mantua Justice Court Judge Kevin Nelson who completed their term.

The Utah Judicial Council is the policy-making body for the judiciary. The Council has the constitutional authority to adopt uniform rules for the administration of all courts in the state. The Council also sets standards for judicial performance, court facilities, support services, and judicial and non-judicial staff levels.

Utah Supreme Court Chief Justice Christine M. Durham chairs the Council, which consists of 14 members. Other members include: a Supreme Court Justice; a Court of Appeals judge; five District Court judges; two Juvenile Court judges; three Justice Court judges; a Utah State Bar representative; and Utah State Court Administrator Dan Becker who serves as secretariat to the Council. The judges and the state bar representative all serve three-year terms.

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